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All,

Consistent with reports provided under Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a leak at the scale house of less than 0.25 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM 1-15 from a pressure release valve on a third-party tanker trailer.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the spill is estimated at less than one gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- The leak was discovered on October 31, 2026, at approximately 9:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM 1-15 leaked at the scale house from a pressure release valve on a third-party tanker trailer. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Robert Aguilar.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- Upon discovering the leak, the pinhole in the pressure release valve on the third-party tanker trailer was cleaned and sealed to stop the flow of liquid.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a pinhole in the pressure release valve on a third-party tanker trailer, which allowed leachate to escape from the valve. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 0.25 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied to the affected area and then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- Chiquita will discuss the event with the relevant third-party contractor and reinforce the importance of thoroughly inspecting equipment for defects prior to use to minimize the potential for similar leaks in the future.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

Best Regards,

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